



United States Department of State

*Bureau of Oceans and International
Environmental and Scientific Affairs*

Washington, D.C. 20520

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Subject: Keystone XL Project – Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement

To: All interested parties

On March 1st, the U.S. Department of State (the Department) released a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (Draft SEIS) for the proposed Keystone XL Project based on the application submitted by TransCanada Keystone Pipeline, LP (Keystone) on May 4, 2012.

The Draft SEIS is available for download from the Department's Keystone XL project website (<http://www.keystonepipeline-xl.state.gov>). Further updates and other related information will also be available on this website. A paper copy and CD of the Draft SEIS are available for viewing at public libraries along the proposed route.

Once the Draft SEIS is noticed in the Federal Register, a 45-day comment period will begin. As part of the Department's process, members of the public, public agencies, and other interested parties are encouraged to submit comments, questions, and concerns about the project via e-mail to keystonecomments@state.gov, at <http://www.keystonepipeline-xl.state.gov>, or mailed to:

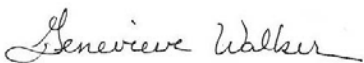
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After the end of the public comment period, the Department will prepare a Final SEIS.

Ultimately, a determination will be made on whether this project serves the national interest. The national interest determination will involve consideration of many factors, including: energy security; environmental, cultural, and economic impacts; foreign policy; and compliance with relevant federal regulations. As directed by Executive Order 13337, before making such a decision, the Department will also request the views of several agencies and officials, including: the Departments of Defense,

Justice, Interior, Commerce, Transportation, Energy, Homeland Security, and the Environmental Protection Agency.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Genevieve Walker".

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